

MARK HANNA DID NOT BRIBE

Testimony Against Him Very Weak.

Leading Witnesses Fall Right Down.

Nothing to Indicate That Hanna or His Agents Had Bribed Anybody.

COLUMBUS, O., January 28.—The two star witnesses in the alleged Senator Hanna bribery investigation were examined by the senate investigation committee today. They are Representatives J. C. Otis of Hamilton county, who claims to have been offered a bribe to vote for Senator Hanna and Thomas O. Campbell, the attorney who acted as the legal representative of Otis. There was nothing in the testimony of either witness to even indicate that Senator Hanna, Major Dick or Major Rathbone had any connection with General Boyce, through whom it was alleged the negotiations were conducted.

It fact, Attorney Campbell, who came all the way from New York to testify, took occasion to say that he did not believe Senator Hanna was interested in or knew Boyce. Campbell produced a roll of bills in denominations of \$100 and \$50 aggregating \$1750 which he claimed Boyce had paid to him during the negotiations. Campbell said if Boyce returned to Hamilton he would be glad to return the money, otherwise he would use a part of it in pushing a suit for damages against a Columbus paper.

Representative Otis testified he had met Henry Harrison Boyce in Cincinnati first on the evening of January 7th last. About 12 o'clock on the morning of that day, Boyce, he stated, a long distance telephone message from a man at the Southern Hotel in Columbus who said he was Gen. Boyce, that he had come from New York and wished to see him on important business. Mr. Otis told him that he would come to him. Between 3 and 6 o'clock Otis went to the Gibson house and to Boyce's room number 225. He met Boyce and the latter said to him, that though he was a stranger to Otis he wished to see him on very important business; that he represented J. Pierpont Morgan of New York; that Mr. Morgan had interests in Ohio which he desired to have looked after and that he was a friend of Mr. C. O. Shane of New York.

During the conversation the senatorial matter was touched upon and Boyce asked as to Mr. Hanna's chances, to which Otis replied that he did not think them very good. Boyce said that night or the following night Mr. Shane was to have an interview with President McKinley; that both the President and Mr. Shane were interested in the Ohio situation, especially the former. Personally, Boyce said that he did not care who was elected.

After telling Mr. Otis a number of other stories after the same fashion they separated, with no understanding that another meeting would be held the following afternoon (Saturday) at 1 o'clock. Then it was that Mr. Otis decided he needed a lawyer and went to see Mr. Campbell. A meeting took place the next afternoon at the Gibson house. The conversation was largely along the same line as at the preceding meeting. Finally Boyce and Campbell were introduced, and most of the business after that was transacted between them. On cross-examination, by Senator Garfield, Mr. Otis testified that nothing was said about Dick or Hollenbeck or Daugherty or Major Rathbone, and that Boyce did not proclaim that he came as the agent of Senator Hanna, or that Senator Hanna had any connection with the matter.

Mr. Campbell's testimony was largely a repetition of that given by Mr. Otis. He said that Boyce and Otis came to his room, and that during the conversation Boyce said he had a strong and loving regard for the President and talked so strongly about this that finally Campbell began to think he was overrating himself. Otis finally left the room and Campbell asked Boyce directly what he wanted. Boyce finally said he wanted Otis to help Hanna in his election. Campbell said to him: "Did you not come from the President?" to which Boyce replied that he had, but in which Mr. Campbell declared he took no belief. Boyce at last said he would pay Otis \$2500 for his vote, and admitted that that was the proposition he had come to make. Mr. Campbell said he did not think Otis would accept any proposition. This interview with Boyce was on Saturday night. On Sunday Campbell went to the Gibson house and had another conversation with Boyce.

The inquiry is proceeding.

A Complete Alibi.

SANTA CATEZ, January 28.—Frank Harrington, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being one of the Ukiah stage robbers, has established for himself a complete alibi. R. Fredson of Alexander valley stated today that Harrington was working for him in his winery at the time of the robbery. Harrington, however, will be detained until tomorrow, when the Ukiah officers will be here.

Home Again.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—The President and party arrived here on their return trip from New York at 4:35 this afternoon. The run from New York was without incident.

Virginians May Flirt.

RICHMOND, Va., January 28.—The feature in the general assembly today was the defeat of the anti-flirting bill.

Killing Frosts in the South.

LOS ANGELES, January 29.—Reports from the orange district in Los Angeles county indicate that the frost of last Wednesday night was the severest and most damaging of the season. At Arcadia, Altamira, Lower Duarte, Azusa, Covina and Pomona the frost in the low lands was killing. The mercury fell to 18 degrees above zero at Altamira and ranged from 8 up to 23 all along the line. Groves in the depressions and low belts suffered severely, and much damage must have been done to the fruit. As in other cold snap groves on the higher lands escaped injury.

A Mountain on Fire.

LOS ANGELES, January 28.—The Fairview tunnel through the mountain at Johnson's canyon, near Williams, Ariz., is again afire and the officials of the Santa Fe Pacific fear that they may be compelled to abandon the tunnel, as they are at a loss to devise means to extinguish the flames. Investigation shows conclusively that the new fire was caused by spontaneous combustion. In short, the tunnel is now nothing but the flue for an immense fire pile, for it is really a mountain that is being burned.

Irrigation for Yolo.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—W. H. Mills, land agent of the Central Pacific, has just ordered built in this city a large portable pumping works. By the use of which he believes the irrigation problem in Capay valley, Yolo county, can be satisfactorily and cheaply solved this summer.

The Mayflower Sold.

PARIS, January 28.—It is reported here that King Leopold of Belgium has purchased for \$400,000 the yacht Mayflower, built for the late Ogden Goelet of New York.

A TOTAL LOSS.

The Steamer Corona is Wrecked.

Her Passengers and Crew Rescued—Was Bound for Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash., January 28.—A special to the Times from Victoria says that news has been received there that the steamship Corona, which left Seattle with 225 passengers January 20th for southeastern Alaskan ports, had been wrecked near Lewis island, at the mouth of the Skeena river. Her passengers were all safely landed on Kennedy island. Every pound of freight and baggage is lost. No further particulars are given.

The Corona was a screw propeller 220 feet long, 35 feet beam, 8 feet five inches draft, built in Philadelphia in 1895, and has been running on the coast ever since.

She is well known to Southern California, having run there between San Francisco and San Diego for some years.

NANAIMO, B. C., January 28.—The steamer Danube arrived at Departure Bay late this evening bringing down news of the wreck of the steamer Corona with 245 passengers aboard. The Corona struck a rock near the mouth of the Skeena river, and at once commenced to sink. Lifeboats were lowered and the passengers were conveyed to the beach of the Skeena river. The steamer A-11 went to the rescue. Shots now on her way south with the unfortunate gold seekers.

IN BAD LUCK.

A Train Robber Captured by Accident.

He Falls From His Horse and Is Recognized by the Police.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., January 28.—John P. Kennedy, a locomotive engineer who comes from the notorious Oracovitch district, not far from Blue Cut, and whom the police have endeavored to connect with some of the many recent train robberies in the outskirts of Kansas City, was brought into the hospital at police headquarters at a late hour tonight under circumstances that have caused commotion in police circles.

A man was picked up on West Seventeenth street tonight in an unconscious condition, by persons who had seen him thrown from a horse which he was riding, the horse having slipped on the pavement.

The injured man on being taken to police headquarters proved to be John Kennedy, diagnosed by a false chin beard and armed to the teeth.

Kennedy has been twice tried for train robbery. He was indicted for complicity in the Chicago and Alton train robbery at Blue Cut on Thanksgiving day, 1896, when between \$20,000 and \$30,000 is supposed to have been secured, and for another robbery at Blue Cut on Christmas eve of the same year.

SALES HEAVY PRICES LOW

Summary of the Commercial Reviews.

Business Failures Greatly Decreased.

Enormous Demand for Canned Goods and Preserved Meats by Klondyke Prospectors.

NEW YORK, January 28.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

The first month of the new year has brought rather more increases in business, but less improvement in prices than was expected. With payments through clearing-houses 7.3 per cent larger than in 1897, and probably the largest ever known in any month, with railroad earnings 11.3 per cent larger than the best of past years, the fact that prices are very low only shows more clearly the increase in quantities of products sold. Nor is there any disposition to refuse orders even at present prices; indeed the competition of manufacturers seeking orders alone prevents a rise. Most of them have all they can manage, many working night and day; one great steel concern running on Sunday, but the works not yet filled with orders are seeking contracts at as low prices as have ever been made.

The settlement of wages on a 10 cent advance April 1 for 200,000 coal miners of the central region with other advantages will tend toward a larger demand for products of all kinds, though also toward some increase in cost of manufacture.

Wheat has been conspicuous, rising 5 cents for the week, with 5 1/2 for May options. Western receipts have been 10,000,000 bushels for the week against 6,045,711 last year, but Atlantic exports have been 13,003,128 bushels in four weeks against 7,101,704 last year, and Pacific exports, with Tacoma, for the week, 4,016,681 bushels against 3,454,906 last year.

The cotton manufacturers are in more difficultly than any other, not merely because prices do not allow much improvement, nor as yet the demand for goods, although both are helped by the closing of many mills, but largely because the manufacturers and workers have considered too long the rapidly growing production at the south.

The woolen manufacturers are doing well, fine worsted goods having opened at an advance of 20 per cent over last year, and the large mills are constantly buying wool, even at current high prices, which involve great confidence in the future, presumably based on larger orders. Such purchases of wool have been frequent of late, even by mills supposed to be supplied for ahead, and one Providence mill appears to have taken 250,000 pounds of worsted wool at Wheeling this week, at rates at which chief markets have been 8,000,100 pounds and for four weeks 30,421,070, of which 21,397,720 were domestic, against 33,547,500 pounds last year, of which 23,397,300 were domestic.

The iron manufacturers are getting larger orders for finished products, which crowd many works already over their capacity, although some others are still in the market and keeping prices down. Pig iron is steady, except that Bessemer at Pittsburgh is 10 cents lower.

NEW YORK, January 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Favorable conditions in the trade situation continue to far outweigh those of an opposite character. Stormy weather throughout a large section of the country this week has checked the movement of merchandise in consumption, but the perceptible increase in the demand for seasonable goods is reported as already resulting.

The last week of the month closes with increased activity in many lines, a number of price advances, heavily increased bank clearings, as compared with one year ago at nearly all the cities, another considerable drop in the number of failures reported, large exports of cereals, particularly wheat, corn and flour, and a perceptible advance in many of the branches of trade. In general the outlook for spring business is favorable.

Another favorable feature of the week is the slight but distinct improvement in the cotton goods situation, in which speculative activity is awakening. Print cloths are higher and some makes of gray and medium weight cottons are more firmly held.

Pig iron is reflecting the effect of present unprecedented production and a further weakening in prices is recorded at Eastern points. At the West, however, consumption of pig iron and finished products of iron and steel is reported increasing so as to hold prices firm. Large sales of pig steel and rails are reported at Chicago and St. Louis, with mills refusing to take orders for delivery earlier than late in the summer. Boots and shoes hold the late advance, and manufacturers of heavy weights will not take orders for fall delivery at present prices. Wear of which are reported sales and firm prices abroad.

Prices of most staple products are higher on the week; notable instances are those of wheat, which is past the dollar mark again at many Eastern markets. The active demand for the Klondyke trade is reflected in canned goods, stocks of which are reported very low, prices holding late advances. Collections are generally reported fair, those indicating backwardness coming most generally from the public.

Business failures for the week are the smallest reported in the fourth week of January for five years past, amounting only 283, against 309 last week, 336 in the corresponding week of last year, and 303 in 1896. Of the failures 251 or 87 per cent were of concerns having \$5000 capital or less, and 95 per cent in all were of concerns having less than \$20,000 capital.

Business failures in Canada this week number 48 against 46 last week, 53 in the week a year ago and 63 in the corresponding week of 1896.

NEW YORK, January 28.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say: Although the market was temporarily disturbed at the beginning of the week by exaggerated reports as to the purpose of dispatching the man-of-war Maine to Havana, it soon recovered from the effects of this scare, and in the past few days developed remarkable strength and activity.

London bought stocks here to a considerable extent on Wednesday, though it was subsequently a seller of part of its purchases, while throughout the week there has been a large amount of both investment and speculative buying for public account, the commission houses being active factors in the trading. Professional interests of the smaller scale, while at first inclined to act on the bear side, were forced to cover and found it an unprofitable course to fight the advance, more especially as the market from first to last has presented ample evidences of the activity and support of powerful interests on the bull side. This was especially noticeable in the Vanderbilt stocks, which group has been the central feature of the week's speculation.

The industrials have been comparatively neglected and while the local traction securities were the objects of attention they did not lend the market as in the preceding week.

Three Star Fights Scheduled.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 25.—The police committee of the Board of Supervisors today granted three permits for boxing shows to be held on the following dates:

The Olympic Club, Griffe-McConnell, February 23.
National Club, Tommy Ryan-George Green contest, February 25th.
The Occidental Club, Peter Jackson-Peter Maher match, between the 1st and 15th of March.

ONE BIG JUMP.

January Wheat at Top Notch.

Quoted for a Brief While at \$1.10 and Closing at \$1.08.

CHICAGO, January 28.—It looked at the opening in wheat as if the long-looked for reaction was about to take place. For the first time in two weeks wheat really favored the bears and a decline in prices at once ensued. May which closed yesterday at 97 1/2c opened today at 96 3/4c and 97 1/2c in which option, however, there was not much trading opened 3/4c lower at 96 1/2c. There was plenty of selling at those figures of heavy holders and May was down to 96c, and July to 85 1/2c before any support of consequence materialized.

Traders were somewhat strengthened by the weakness at Liverpool. That market opened 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher, but a large slice of this advance had been lost when 1:30 p.m. cables came in. This weakness was explained by the Argentine shipments for the week, 894,000 bushels. This was more than twice as much as during the previous week. Northwest receipts were liberal. The decline lasted about half an hour until a covering movement resulted in an advance in May to 97c, when another spell of unloading carried the price back to 96 3/4c. It gradually recovered to 96 1/2c. As a reply it began to develop some of the bull snap of yesterday when Antwerp market showed an advance equal to 2 1/2c per bushel for American red and 1 1/2c for Wula Wula. Paris was also higher by about 1/2c.

Atlantic exports were heavy, amounting to 700,000 bushels. Bids for May brought low responses and prices slowly climbed until one of the latter brokers commenced bidding for January in an attempt to buy 50,000. He succeeded in getting but 20,000 of this amount, the price in the meantime jumping with its usual rapidity to \$1.10, the highest point yet reached for this season's price. Many immense quantities were offered, which the crowd took eagerly for a time, but about ten minutes from the close the market broke under the pressure. May closed 97 1/2c; January \$1.08.

Corn was easier, with wheat early and strong, when the latter showed its mid-day bulliness. May closed a shade lower, May 96c; July 85c.

Oats were quite active. May closed a shade higher. Precipitous were fairly active early, but became dull later in the session. At the close May pork and ribs were 5c lower; May lard 2 1/2c lower.

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In our 1-Street Grocery Department for three days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 27th, 28th and 29th.

Blue Point Oysters, the finest canned Oysters, 2-lb. size, regular 50c, special 25c; 1-lb. size, regular 35c, special 12 1/2c.

Jellies, all flavors, the finest goods ever placed on any market, regular price per glass 25c, special 12 1/2c.

Armour Star Brand Bacon, regular 25c and 30c, special 12 1/2c and 25c. This Bacon is thinly sliced from the choicest cuts, selected from the entire output of the great establishment of Armour & Co.

Our highest grade Java and Mocha Coffee, regular 40c, special 3 lbs. for \$1. If you are dissatisfied with the coffee you are using, let us give you a free sample of this for trial. For amount and cup quality it cannot be excelled.

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COIN HUNTS HIM

A Snug Sum Looking for Mr. Stahl.

A War Veteran Who Can't Be Located,

Although \$3000 Awaits Him. Suddenly Left Fresno Last September.

Deputy Constable Coon Orutcher was in Stockton this week inquiring for Frederick Stahl, for whom the officer has been looking for several weeks. Mr. Stahl ought to turn up, as the officer wants to find him in order that the missing man may receive over \$3000 which awaits him.

Stahl lived in this vicinity for some time, and worked as a farmhand. When last heard of he was employed on a ranch near this city, but Orutcher has been unable to learn the name of his employer. Stahl frequently dropped into town, and told several persons that he was working on a ranch near here, but he did not state what place it was. He left last September, and nobody knows where he went.

Shortly after his departure Orutcher was asked by a Pennsylvania lawyer to look him up, as something over \$3000 awaited him. He is an old soldier and was recently allowed \$1500 back pension and bequeathed over as much again by a brother in the Keystone state.

Orutcher made inquiry for him in the place where he was in the habit of frequenting, and also advertised for him in the local papers, and in the Selma papers, but could find nothing of his whereabouts. Recently Orutcher heard that Stahl had gone to Stockton, and he stopped over there on his return from San Francisco this week to try to locate him. He had not been heard of in the slough city, but a description of the old soldier was left with Constable Jim Carroll of that town.

Since his return Orutcher has heard that Stahl started for the Soldiers' Home at Santa Monica, but the officials of the institution say there is no one of that name there. Orutcher still believes that Stahl is at the institution, as he has learned that the erratic old soldier is in the habit of going by several names. In Fresno he went under two nicknames. Orutcher has found a picture of Stahl, and he will send a description to the home. Stahl is between 55 and 60 years of age and is unmarried.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

EXORCISE JUDGE HUNLEY, DEPARTMENT 1. David A. vs. Adeline Ash; argument in progress.

Bull Kohnstamm vs. Selma S. Wiener et al.; judgment for plaintiff for \$103.00 and costs. C. H. Miller appointed commissioner to sell the property.

DEPARTMENT 2. A. B. Butler vs. the Johnson Locks Co.; demurrer overruled and ten days to answer.

People vs. W. D. Smith; defendant arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

B. Williams vs. W. S. Lloyd; demurrer to amended complaint overruled.

Savings Bank of Southern California vs. P. L. Aubrey et al.; trial set for February 12th.

Valley Lumber Company vs. Fresno County; motion to set aside order making Rio Building Company co-defendant denied.

John McMullin vs. W. A. Fay; judgment in foreclosure for plaintiff for \$751. W. T. Porter appointed to sell the property.

People vs. William Moon; defendant arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Charles U. Donner vs. Mary Leashell Gould; judgment in foreclosure for plaintiff for \$775. Lloyd W. Moultrie appointed to sell the property.

Jacob Clark vs. administrator vs. Thomas Williams et al.; defaults entered.

Fresno Home Packing Company vs. George E. Wells; set for trial February 17th at 10 a.m.

STOLE THE WIRE

F. Oakes Arrested for Grand Larceny.

The Lineman Accused of Dis-mantling the Old Electric Light Line.

Frank Oakes, a lineman, is a prisoner in the county jail with the charge of grand larceny against him. Oakes was arrested Thursday night in an I-street lodging-house by Deputy Constable Dumas. He is accused of stealing about 1000 pounds of copper wire belonging to the old electric light company.

Deputy Constable John Albion worked up the case against Oakes and he believes there will be but little trouble in securing sufficient evidence to convict him. On Tuesday of this week Albion learned that Oakes had approached a second-hand dealer in this city and offered to sell him 1000 pounds of copper wire. As the wire is worth from 7 to 8 cents a pound a neat sum would have been realized from the sale.

Albion did not arrest Oakes at once, but awaited developments. He found that the lineman had acknowledged the wire was stolen, but claimed it was to be shipped to Fresno from Sacramento. The officer sent a dispatch to Sacramento asking if any wire had been stolen in that city and the reply was no.

The local telephone and electric companies were then visited to ascertain if any wire was missing. Linemen were sent out over the San Joaquin Electric Company's system, but no trace of wires being out and carried away could be discovered.

Albion then visited the representatives of the old electric company and learned that a large amount of wire belonging to the company was stored on "Inland" street. He also discovered that a portion of the line near the store house had

been cut and carried away. The storehouse had also been entered and a quantity of wire taken.

Albion waited several days for Oakes to deliver the wire to the second-hand dealer, but could not catch him in the act. The missing wire cannot be found and it is presumed that Oakes either sold it to the second-hand dealer or shipped it out to some other point.

Oakes is well known in Fresno, having lived here for several months. He worked as lineman for the local telephone company.

OLEANDER ITEMS.

Missionary Society Meeting—Good Templars to Entertain.

Mrs. M. B. Harrie gave a reception to Mrs. J. H. Smith last Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Baidro orchestra was received by a large and appreciative audience on Monday evening. The violin solo by Prof. Walcott was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Drury gave some very fine selections on the organ.

The Missionary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Tobin on Maple avenue last Thursday afternoon with a very good attendance.

Glenn Barr has been sick in bed for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway will go to Stockton in a few days to visit their son.

The Good Templars expect to give an entertainment on the lodge's birthday, the 21st of February.

Oleander, January 28, 1898.

GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Graduates From the Grammar Grades.

Exercises Were Held in the High School Yesterday Afternoon.

Pupils graduating from the eighth grade of the grammar school were presented with diplomas yesterday forenoon. The graduating exercises were held in the high school reception hall.

School Trustee George E. Church made a short address to the graduates, congratulating them on their progress during the past term and urging the importance of diligent application to their studies in the future.

After a song by the school trustees George B. Noble addressed the graduates and then presented them with diplomas.

The graduates were: Laura Appleby, Verie Boardman, Edith Dyer, Mary Carlotta, Mittie Combs, Lucia Francis, Alta Hart, Gertrude Hendrick, Amber Jankie, Mattie Louder, Jessie Mackey, Maudie McKennie, Mary Meux, Florence Moran, Eva Morgan, Jeannette Minard, Helen Prince, Verney Parrell, Clara Rawlins, Myrtle Scott, Alice Scott, Edna Shipman, Susan Smith, Edna Smith, Willa Smith, Clara Crow, John Dickerson, James Dillon, Leslie Drew, Karl Frembling, Dan Haddell, Gilbert Harmon, Franklin Minard, Leon Nishkina, Sidney Parsons, French Strohmer, Roy Wylie, Edmund G. Sawyer.

On Tuesday afternoon the graduating class gave a pleasant social in the high school building. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Mrs. F. M. Lane; recitation, Mattie Louder; piano solo, Elsie Edwards; recitation, Florence Moran; address to the students, School Trustee Stephens; vocal solo, Miss Katto; ballads; songs, Gilbert Harmon; address, School Trustee Samuel Louder; guitar solo, Mrs. F. M. Lane; address to the students, F. M. Lane, principal of the grammar school.

After the program all engaged in playing games, and during the evening a fine collation was served.

MAY TAKE A HAND

Sheriff Scott for the Park Overseer.

Thinks He'll Have a Say About the Custodian of the Prisoners.

Sheriff Jay Scott returned yesterday from San Francisco, where he had been for the past several days.

The county peace officer had not heard of the action of the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday afternoon in discharging Perry Elder as park overseer, and putting H. H. Martin in charge of the park. Elder was appointed by the Sheriff, who claimed the right to make the appointment inasmuch as the park overseer has in charge the county prisoners when they are worked in the park.

When Elder was discharged, without the change to be made in the park, the belief was freely expressed that Sheriff Scott would refuse to allow the prisoners to be worked unless they were under the supervision of a direct appointee of his, who would be responsible to him for their safe custody.

Should the overseer and guard allow prisoners to escape the Sheriff could discharge him without further ado and engage another man. The law evidently contemplated that, for it provides that the Sheriff shall have the direct appointment of all men who have the charge of prisoners.

Sheriff Scott was asked yesterday afternoon what he proposed doing in reference to the Supervisor's action, and he replied that he had not as yet given the matter sufficient consideration to say. He had not fully made up his mind.

"I had not heard of the discharge of Elder," he said, "until I returned this morning, and I could not understand why he was fired by the Supervisors unless it was on account of politics."

"Will you allow Martin to take out the prisoners?" was asked.

"I haven't decided," was the reply. "But I think I shall have something to say as to who goes to the prisoners."

It is understood that Mr. Scott is very much indignant to learn that the Supervisors had nevertheless believed that he had not been treated right by the board, and he does not feel like taking any chances of his prisoners escaping, even though his stand might interfere with politics, as done by the Democratic triumvirate of the Board of Supervisors.

MUST CLEAN UP

The Vineyards Should Be Overhauled.

Commissioner Marshall on the Vinehopper—What Mr. Jackson Says.

S. W. Marshall, the horticultural commissioner, says the vineyards must be thoroughly cleaned up. He considers it the only way to rid this county of the devastating thrips or vinehopper, which are causing the vineyards a great deal of alarm.

It is a question whether the commissioner can enforce the order, as Judge Van Dyke of Los Angeles recently held that a horticultural commissioner did not have that authority, but District Attorney Snow has advised Mr. Marshall that he has power to compel the owners of vineyards to follow his order.

Mr. Marshall states, however, that he expects no trouble on that score, for all the vineyardists are more than willing to do anything that might suggest to rid their places of the pernicious little insects. It is believed that a thorough cleaning up of the vineyards is the only way of freeing them from the pest, and it will be money in the pockets of the owners to comply with the horticultural commissioner's advice.

W. Jackson of Fowler, the owner of the Los Vinograd, stated yesterday in conversation with a Republican reporter that the vineyardists should begin the work of cleaning up their places. They should plow between the vines and turn under all the grass and other vegetation. The old rough bark ought to be removed from the stumps, he thinks, and the accumulation taken out from the crown.

Mr. Marshall recommends spraying with white oil soap and IXL after the vines have been freed from all debris which might afford shelter for the insects.

Mr. Jackson stated that his last grape crop was very materially increased by the ravages of the hopper. He usually has twenty-five tons, but this season the yield was only eight. The muscat grapes suffered the most.

The horticultural commissioner believes that forcing the vineyards after they have been laid bare of all accumulated dead vegetation will make it very interesting for the hoppers, if it does not kill them. Alex Gordon, as reported in the Republican, has tried water and IXL, but Mr. Marshall says he diffuses with Mr. Gordon on that matter.

THANKLESS BAND

Ingratitude of Stockton Musicians.

Drummer Steele's Remarkable and Unmilitary Letter to Colonel Wright.

Old King Lear, with those long whiskers that Frederick Warder wears, did not feel more keenly the pangs of having a thankless child than Colonel S. S. Wright of the Sixth Regiment does the ingratitude of a thankless regimental band up at Stockton.

Yesterday Colonel Wright was justly indignant at a most unmilitary letter which he received from a man named Steele of that city, who, besides his martial position as drummer of the band, runs an employment and collection agency at the South City. Mr. Steele, by his unmilitary optics, laid himself liable to being metered out of the regiment, or drummed out, as he could then afflict himself.

This drummer wrote directly to the

colonel of the regiment demanding the payment of \$90.80, which was due the band for its engagement at the Santa Cruz encampment. A darning letter is decidedly unmilitary in the first place, and in the second place it should not have been addressed to the colonel of the regiment, but to Drum Major Scott, who holds the rank of captain.

But aside from that, the letter was most unwarranted when all the facts are known. Colonel Wright has always taken a pride in the band, and he has been addressed to the colonel of the regiment, but to Drum Major Scott, who holds the rank of captain.

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The appropriation for the band at the camp was only \$300, and the extra expenditure for the uniforms together with unavoidable incidental expenses for the band, left the colonel one day's pay short for each player, and that is what the Stockton musicians are now raising the band about.

Mr. Steele stated in his remarkable letter that the players would have to have this money before the Colonel started for the Klondike, or the matter would be brought to the attention of the Governor.

A monthly band allowance is \$35, and out of that the rent for their quarters has to be paid and new music bought from time to time. It was Colonel Wright's intention to pay the band salary from this allowance until the whole amount was settled, and that was satisfactory to the musicians until they heard that the colonel was going to Klondike, when they began to clamor for all of it right away.

Besides buying "new" uniforms for the Stockton band Colonel Wright is understood to have done them another service. When Major F. B. Kien went to Stockton last spring to inspect the band, it made such poor showing that he was seriously considering metering it out of the regiment, but it is an open secret among guardsmen here that Colonel Wright interceded for the musical part of the regiment, and so that band played on.

A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Will Select a New Teacher This Afternoon.

The City School Board held a meeting yesterday forenoon. The new rules and regulations recently prepared by a committee were not considered, as all the members of the board were not present.

The matter of connecting the high school building with the electric light system was discussed. The building is already wired, but the lamps are not in, and Professor Bailey was instructed to confer with the electric company in regard to the cost, etc., and report to the board.

The following books were adopted for use in the city schools: Tarr's First Book of Physical Geography, Olcott's New American History, Olcott's Trigonometry, Charles Smith's Revised Algebra, Beman & Smith's Geometry, Gardner's English History, Jagemann's German Composition and Syntax, Collier's German Grammar and Lessons, German idioms.

The board will meet this afternoon to select a teacher for the position recently tendered Miss Dorothy Allen, who is unable to accept the place. The board will discuss the proposed rules and regulations at some future meeting, perhaps next week, if the members are all in town to attend the meeting.

For the finest lunch and glass of beer go to the "Tivoli."

An Old Land Patent.

This week an old United States land patent was filed with Recorder Machen. The certificate was issued in 1869 to H. Barnhart of San Joaquin county. The signature of U. S. Grant, President, appears on the document, which for some reason had not heretofore been recorded. The land contained consists of fractional sections 30 and 31, township 13, range 17, containing 1280 acres.

Notice of Commissioners' Sale.

In the superior court, county of Fresno, State of California.

WHEREAS, an order of sale in this case, submitted to the superior court of said county of Fresno, on the 24th day of December, 1897, on a judgment and decree of said court, rendered in and decreed on the 24th day of November, 1897, in favor of said plaintiff against said defendant, J. B. Kien, et al., for the sum of eleven hundred thirty-two and 40/100 dollars, the same being due and owing by said defendant to said plaintiff, and the said order of sale, as described and also on a judgment and decree of said court, rendered in and decreed on the 24th day of November, 1897, in favor of said plaintiff against said defendant, J. B. Kien, et al., for the sum of one hundred and twenty-two and 40/100 dollars, the same being due and owing by said defendant to said plaintiff, and the said order of sale, as described and also on a judgment and decree of said court, rendered in and decreed on the 24th day of November, 1897, in favor of said plaintiff against said defendant, J. B. 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Cloth Gown With Wide Collar. A smart little indoor gown of a very simple model, and one that might be cupied in the spring materials, is of cloth. The skirt measures three and a half yards around the foot. It is gored, but not exaggerated so, and the fullness in the back is gathered. The back of the waist is still in place, and is tight on a fitted lining, and has a little haque, which shows below the belt. A cut paper pattern of the waist, skirt and sleeves is issued by *Harper's Bazar* where the gown appears. The belt is of black satin, laid in folds and fastened in the center of the back with three small buttons. The front of the waist, bloused and has a turned-over wide square collar that extends over the sleeves, which are very small. The collar is made of a shaded pink velvet, which is the design in satin in lace, and is a narrow edge of silver braid around. There is a square yoke, of which only a little shows, made of shaded green tulle, and the high ecker-coller is also of tucked green tulle. At the back the collar is a small arrangement of velvet with a row. The skirt is velveted with a row. The skirt is a gown is trimmed with three bands of black tulle braid.

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